The Hindustan Times' dated 30th June, 1993 under the caption "Red-tapism 'bulldozes 1AF safety steps";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether, due to red-tapism and inordinate delays in the procurement of items by the Ministry of Defence, difficulties are being created not only for the defence forces but to the nation as well;

(d) if so, the details of the projects where clearance were inordinately delayed in each of the last five years alongwith the reasons far the delay; and

(e) the steps taken to check such delay henceforth 7

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Procurements are made on the basis of well designed procedures which have u> be adhered to. Final decision for inductio i of the equipment (bulldozer) was taken after detailed examination of all pros & cons of the proposal. Delay in the procurement or equipment was not allowed to affect flight safety as alternative arrangements to control growth of vegetation around runways were continuing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Marketing of established brands by CSD

2569. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) wnether the military canteens looated in Delhi such as Army Headquarters Canteen are marketing more of new brands than established iSltas thereby exploiting the interests of the consumers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps laken to give more attention towards the well established products than new products which are not substantially good;

(g) wnether there i» any proj^osal to bring about •haagw in tk« Misting rulM. procedure etc. to allow the supply of reputed items on the inventory of the CSD(I) Bombay by the local authorised stockist and suppliers duly approved by the organisation concerned to ensure timely availability of the items for the benefit of the consumers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKAFUUN) : (a) and (b) Military Canteens, incluc ing those located in Delhi, supply both established brands as veil as new brands from items included in the Canteen Stores Department list of items.

(c) and *(d)* The Depot Managers of the Canu in Stores Department are already authorised o place orders and procure certain items by th *;* suppliers in accordance with terms and conditions approved by CSD Head Office in Bom' ay. The inclusion of items in this category depends upon the arrangements of the suppliers, and on the existence of acceptable terms and conditions.

सोमालिया से भारतीय शांति-सेना को वापस बुलाना

2570. **श्री वी. नाराचणसामी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृता करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सोमालिया में तैनात की गयी संयुक्त राष्ट्र शान्ति सेना में से भारतीय टुकड़ी को वापस बुलाने का निर्णय किया है क्योंकि वहां भारतीय जवानों की हत्या की जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारतीय टुकडी को वापस बुलाया जाना कब से आरम्भ होने की संभावना है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने सोमालिया से अपनी शांति सेना वापस बुलाने का निर्णय लिया है तदनुसार भारतीय सैनिकों को संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा की गई प्रबंध व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत वापस लाया जा रहा है । भारतीय सैनिकों को वापस लाने का कार्य चल रहा है ।